

REMARKS

Applicants herewith cancel claims 1-11, 13, 17-25, and 27-30.

Claim 26 has been indicated allowed.

5 Claims 12 and 14-16 stand under objection, but are considered allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10 Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 9 and
11.

Accordingly, claim 12 is now allowable.

15 Claim 14 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 9. Claims 14 and 16 remain dependent from claim 14.

Accordingly. Claims 14-16 are now allowable.

20 In light of the above amendment and remarks, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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